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PATENT  
CASE NO. 56/351

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application:

Robert Wastlhuber et al.

Serial No.: 09/884,858

Filed: June 18, 2001

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR  
SERIAL DATA TRANSMISSION  
BETWEEN A POSITION  
MEASURING SYSTEM AND  
A PROCESSING UNIT

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) Group Art Unit: 2631

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) Examiner: unassigned

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following references for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed along with a completed copy of Form PTO-1449.

## **I. DISCLOSURE**

### **A. U.S. Patents**

<b><u>Patent No.</u></b>	<b><u>Inventor</u></b>	<b><u>Issue Date</u></b>
5,625,353	Katagiri et al.	04/29/97
5,687,103	Hagl et al.	11/11/97
5,815,089	Katagiri et al.	09/29/98
6,124,588	Hagl et al.	09/26/00

### **B. Foreign Patents**

<b><u>Reference No.</u></b>	<b><u>Country</u></b>	<b><u>Pub. Date</u></b>
30 01 331	W. Germany	07/23/81
40 05 087	Germany	08/01/91
43 44 916	Germany	06/30/94
0 660 209	EP	06/28/95
197 14 152	Germany	08/13/98
198 11 095	Germany	09/30/99

### **C. Literature**

1. Schneider, Sandro, "Verteilte Intelligenz im CAN-Bus-Verbund," F&M, Vol. 104, No. 10, 1996, pp. 757-758.
2. Bielski, Steffen et al., "Absolute Messsysteme – Sicherheitserwartungen an die Datenerfassung und Datenübertragung," Automatisieren, Nos. 1/2, 1996, pp. 6, 8, 9, 12,14.

**D. Pending Dr. Johannes Heidenhain GmbH Patent Applications**

<b><u>Application No.</u></b>	<b><u>Inventor</u></b>	<b><u>Filing Date</u></b>
09/884,553	Wastlhuber et al.	06/18/01

**II. DISCUSSION**

**A. West German Patent Reference No. 30 01 331**

Based solely on the drawings and the enclosed English language Abstract, the '331 patent reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose a monitor for motor vehicles where a start bit sequence of each transmitted word is used to synchronise the receiver.

**B. German Patent Reference No. 40 05 087**

Based solely on the drawings and the enclosed English language Abstract, the '087 patent reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose a connection unit that provides an acknowledgement signal after reception of a transmit signal and a data signal.

**C. German Patent Reference No. 43 44 916**

Based solely on the drawings and the enclosed English language Abstract, the '916 patent reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose a transmission device that uses position data and separate data.

It is believed that U.S. Patents Nos. 5,625,353 and 5,815,089 correspond to the '916 reference.

**D. European Patent Reference No. 0 660 209**

Based solely on the drawings and the enclosed English language Abstract, the '209 patent reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose an apparatus for serial transmission of data between a position measuring device and a processing unit. A binary code word defining an

absolute position is fed to an output which causes bit-serial transmission. Commands can be transmitted serially as well.

It is believed that U.S. Patent No. 5,687,103 corresponds to the '209 reference.

**E. German Patent Reference No. 197 14 152**

Based solely on the drawings and the enclosed English language Abstract, the '152 patent reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose a method of determining the maximum number of transmitted data from a time period.

**F. German Patent Reference No. 198 11 095**

Based solely on the drawings and the enclosed English language Abstract, the '095 patent reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose a method of using a transmission device to detect teeth and gaps in a moving object.

**G. Schneider Article**

Based solely on the pictures, the Schneider Article is pertinent because it appears to disclose

**H. Bielski et al. Article**

Based solely on the pictures, the Bielski et al. Article is pertinent because it appears to disclose

**III. CONCLUSION**

It is believed that none of these references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the invention claimed. However, Applicants wish to make it clear that the disclosure of the above references is in no way an admission that they qualify as prior art. It is Applicants' desire, however, to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to

see. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference and make the above-listed references of record. Applicants also invite the Examiner to review the above-mentioned Heidenhain application, a copy of the originally filed claims is enclosed, and the art cited therein.

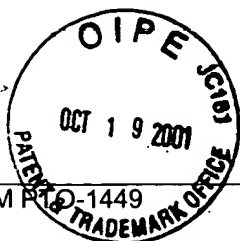
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(use several sheets if necessary)		APPLICANT(S): Robert Wasthuber et al.

REFERENCE DESIGNATION				U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS		
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
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	A13	Pending Claims of Patent Application Assigned to Dr. Johannes Heidenhain GmbH: Serial No.: 09/884,553, Filing Date: 06/18/01, Inventor: Wasthuber et al.

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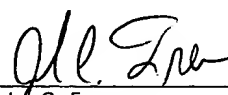
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